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## POTATO STOCKS

### JANUARY 1, 2011

The 13 major potato States held 205 million hundredweight of potatoes in storage January 1, 2011, down 13 percent from a year ago. Potatoes in storage accounted for 58 percent of the 2010 fall storage States' production, three percentage points below January 1, 2010. Klamath Basin stocks totaled 3.00 million hundredweight on January 1, 2011, down 14 percent from a year ago. Klamath Basin stocks include potatoes stored in California and Klamath County, Oregon. Potato disappearance, at 147 million hundredweight, was 2 percent below January 1, 2010. Season-to-date shrink and loss, at 14.7 million hundredweight, was down 11 percent from the same date in 2010. Processors in the 9 major States have used 77.2 million hundredweight of potatoes this season, up 2 percent from the same period last year. Dehydrating usage accounted for 10.6 million hundredweight of the total processing, down 24 percent from last year.

Fall potato stocks in Colorado's San Luis Valley totaled 15.5 million hundredweight as of December 1, 2010 down 3 percent from the stocks in storage one year earlier. The latest stocks represent 72 percent of the 21.53 million hundredweight produced in 2010. The December 2009 stocks represented 72 percent of the 22.10 million hundredweight produced for that year. The December 1, 2010 stocks by type in Colorado were 2 percent reds, 3 percent whites, 10 percent yellow and 85 percent russet.

Sales of Colorado's fall potatoes for table stock have averaged 68 percent of the production for the 2005-2009 period. The remaining 32 percent of production is used for seed, processing, feed and home use or is lost through cullage and shrinkage. The total quantity of potatoes sold as a percent of production has averaged about 86 percent over the past five years.

## CATTLE ON FEED

### JANUARY 1, 2011

The number of cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Colorado feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or larger was estimated at 1,080,000 head as of January 1, 2011.

The latest inventory was down 1 percent from December 1, 2010 but up 7 percent from January 1, 2010. The inventory included 710,000 steers and steer calves, up 9 percent from the last year's number. The number of heifers and heifer calves, at 365,000 head, are up 3 percent from a year ago. The number of cows and bulls totaled 5,000, no change from last year's number. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 165,000 head of fed cattle during December 2010, up 10 percent from the November 2010 marketings of 150,000 head and up 6 percent from a year ago. An estimated 160,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during December 2010, 45 percent above a year ago and 3 percent above November 2010 placements of 155,000. Of the number placed in December, 19 percent weighed less than 600 pounds, 31 percent weighed from 600 to 699 pounds, 25 percent weighed from 700 to 799 pounds, and 25 percent weighed 800 pounds and greater. Other disappearance for December was estimated at 5,000 head, no change from last month and last year.

### Cattle on Feed, Colorado and United States, 1,000 Plus Capacity, January 1, 2010-2011

Item	Colorado		United States	
	2010	2011	2010	2011
	<b>1,000 head</b>			
On Feed Dec. <b>1 prev. yr.</b>	1,060	1,090	11,277	11,614
Placements During Dec.	110	160	1,546	1,795
< 600 pounds	25	30	430	480
600 - 699 Pounds	30	50	420	495
700 - 799 Pounds	30	40	401	440
800 Plus Pounds	25	40	295	380
Marketings During Dec.	155	165	1,743	1,827
Other Disap. During Dec.	5	5	72	65
On Feed Jan 1.	1,010	1,080	11,008	11,517
Steers & Steer Calves	650	650	6,877	7,180
Heifers & Heifer Calves	355	365	4,068	4,260
Cows & Bulls	5	5	63	77

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the **United States** for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.5 million head on January 1, 2011. The inventory was 5 percent above January 1, 2010. The inventory included 7.18 million steers and steer calves, up 4 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 62 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.26 million head, up 5 percent from 2010. Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.80 million, 16 percent above 2009. Net placements were 1.73 million head. During December, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 480,000, 600-699 pounds were 495,000, 700-799 pounds

were 440,000 and 800 pounds and greater were 380,000. Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.83 million, 5 percent above 2009. This is the second highest fed cattle marketings for the month of December since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 65,000 during December, 10 percent below 2009.

## GRAIN STOCKS DECEMBER 1, 2010

All wheat stocks in **Colorado's** farm and commercial storage facilities as of December 1, 2010 totaled 49.7 million bushels, up 2 percent from 48.5 million bushels on hand a year earlier. Farm stocks decreased 6 percent to 16.5 million bushels and off-farm stocks were up 7 percent to 33.2 million. All wheat for the **United States** stored in all positions on December 1, 2010 totaled 1.93 billion bushels, up 8 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks are estimated at 550 million bushels, down 2 percent from last December. Off-farm stocks, at 1.38 billion bushels, are up 13 percent from a year ago. The September - November 2010 indicated disappearance is 444 million bushels, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

**Colorado corn** stocks were down 6 percent from the previous year to 95.3 million bushels. Farm stocks were down 16 percent to 53.0 million bushels and off-farm stocks increased 10 percent to 42.3 million bushels. **United States corn** stored in all positions on December 1, 2010 totaled 10.0 billion bushels, down 8 percent from December 1, 2009. Of the total stocks, 6.30 billion bushels are stored on farms, down 15 percent from a year earlier. Off-farm stocks, at 3.74 billion bushels, are up 7 percent from a year ago. The September - November 2010 indicated disappearance is 4.11 billion bushels, compared with 3.86 billion bushels during the same period last year.

**United States soybeans** stored in all positions on December 1, 2010 totaled 2.28 billion bushels, down 3 percent from December 1, 2009. Soybean stocks stored on farms totaled 1.09 billion bushels, down 11 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 1.19 billion bushels, are up 7 percent from last December. Indicated disappearance for September - November 2010 totaled 1.20 billion bushels, up 4 percent from the same period a year earlier.

**Barley** stored in all positions on December 1, 2010 totaled 181 million bushels, down 12 percent from December 1, 2009. On-farm stocks are estimated at 91.7 million bushels, 20 percent below a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 89.5 million bushels, are 3 percent below December 2009. The September - November 2010 indicated disappearance is 42.8 million bushels, 29 percent above the same period a year earlier.

**Oats** stored in all positions on December 1, 2010 totaled 101 million bushels, 9 percent below the stocks on December 1, 2009. Of the total stocks on hand, 34.1 million bushels are stored on farms, down 21 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks totaled 67.0 million bushels, down 1 percent from the previous year. Indicated disappearance during September - November 2010 totaled 15.9 million bushels.

**Colorado's** on farm storage capacity was rated at 170 million bushels as of December 1, 2010, unchanged from one year earlier. The off-farm storage capacity increased from December 1, 2010 to 125.0 million bushels. On farm capacity for the **United States** increased from a year ago to 12.5 billion bushels and off-farm storage capacity increased to 9.7 billion bushels.

## Grain Stocks Colorado and United States, December 1, 2009-2010

Grain and Position 1/	Colorado		United States	
	2009	2010	2009	2010
<b>1,000 Bushels</b>				
<b>All wheat</b>				
On farms .....	17,500	16,500	558,800	550,000
Off farms.....	31,047	33,170	1,222,891	1,377,755
Total.....	48,547	49,670	1,781,691	1,927,755
<b>Corn</b>				
On farms .....	63,000	53,000	7,405,000	6,302,000
Off farms.....	38,400	42,298	3,497,460	3,737,877
Total.....	101,400	95,298	10,902,460	10,039,877
<b>Barley</b>				
On farms .....	2/	2/	114,630	91,660
Off farms.....	5,820	5,985	91,759	89,460
Total.....	2/	2/	206,389	181,120
<b>Oats</b>				
On farms .....	2/	2/	43,000	34,100
Off farms.....	50	78	67,629	66,976
Total.....	2/	2/	110,629	101,076
<b>Sorghum</b>				
On farms .....	2/	2/	48,000	30,500
Off farms.....	950	477	202,759	205,023
Total.....	2/	2/	250,759	235,523
<b>Soybeans</b>				
On farms .....	2/	2/	1,229,500	1,091,000
Off farms.....	2/	2/	1,109,050	1,185,860
Total.....	2/	2/	2,338,550	2,276,860

1/ Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals, and processors.

2/ Not published separately.

## CHICKENS AND EGGS DECEMBER 2010

**Colorado** laying flocks produced 91 million eggs during December 2010 compared with 87 million one month earlier and 93 million during December 2009. The number of layers during December totaled 3.61 million, down 2 percent from 3.70 million a year earlier. The average rate of lay for December 2010 was 2,515 eggs per 100 layers, slightly higher than the December 2009 total of 2,513 eggs per 100 layers.

**United States** egg production totaled 7.90 billion during December 2010, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.83 billion table eggs, and 1.07 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.00 billion were broiler-type and 67 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during December 2010 averaged 341 million, up 1 percent from last year. December egg production per 100 layers was 2,313 eggs, up slightly from December 2009.

All layers in the United States on January 1, 2011 totaled 343 million, up 1 percent from last year. The 343 million layers consisted of 285 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 54.5 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.82 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs.

Rate of lay per day on January 1, 2011, averaged 74.2 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from January 1, 2010.

acreage breakdowns are: Hard Red Winter, 29.6 million; Soft Red Winter, 7.76 million; and White Winter, 3.66 million.

## MILK PRODUCTION

### December 2010

**Milk production** in the 23 major States during December totaled 15.0 billion pounds, up 2.8 percent from December 2009. November revised production at 14.4 billion pounds, was up 3.1 percent from November 2009. The November revision represented an increase of 8 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. **Production per cow** in the 23 major States averaged 1,794 pounds for December, 33 pounds above December 2009. **The number of milk cows** on farms in the 23 major States was 8.39 million head, 74,000 head more than December 2009, and 15,000 head more than November 2010.

Milk production in the U.S. during the October - December quarter totaled 47.5 billion pounds, up 2.8 percent from the October - December quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the quarter was 9.13 million head, 36,000 head more than the same period last year.

**Colorado** dairy herds produced 244 million pounds of milk during December 2010, up 24 million pounds from December last year. The average number of cows, at 123,000, is up 7,000 head from the 116,000 cows on hand a year ago. The average milk per cow for the month of December in Colorado was 1,985 pounds per cow compared with 1,900 pounds per cow in December 2009. Colorado ranked fifteenth in milk production per cow in December, 2010.

#### Milk Production, December, 2009-2010

Item	Unit	2009	2010
<b>Colorado:</b>			
Milk Cows <sup>1/</sup> .....	1,000 Head	116	123
Production Per Cow .....	Pounds	1,900	1,985
Production <sup>2/</sup> .....	Mil. Lbs.	220	244
<b>23 State Total:</b>			
Milk Cows <sup>1/</sup> .....	1,000 Head	8,311	8,385
Production Per Cow .....	Pounds	1,761	1,794
Production <sup>2/</sup> .....	Mil. Lbs.	14,632	15,042

<sup>1/</sup> Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.

<sup>2/</sup> Excludes milk sucked by calves.

## WINTER WHEAT SEEDINGS

### 2011 CROP

**Colorado** producers seeded 2.50 million acres of winter wheat during the fall of 2010 for harvest in 2011, up 2 percent from the 2.45 million acres seeded for the 2010 crop. Planting began on schedule in most areas. Germination was very poor, in some areas. As usual, prospects for the 2011 crop will be heavily dependent on winter and spring weather.

**United States** seeded area for 2011 is expected to total 41.0 million acres, up 10 percent from 2010. Approximate class

#### Winter Wheat Area Seeded, 2009-2011 Crops <sup>1/</sup>

State	Crop of			11/10
	2009	2010	2011	
	<b>1,000 Acres</b>			<b>%</b>
Alabama	220	150	200	133
Arizona	7	9	10	111
Arkansas	430	200	450	225
California	615	660	730	111
<b>Colorado</b>	<b>2,600</b>	<b>2,450</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>102</b>
Delaware	70	50	70	140
Florida	17	12	13	108
Georgia	340	170	225	132
Idaho	740	750	840	112
Illinois	850	330	740	224
Indiana	470	250	430	172
Iowa	28	15	20	133
Kansas	9,300	8,400	8,800	105
Kentucky	510	390	480	123
Louisiana	185	125	200	160
Maryland	230	180	300	167
Michigan	630	530	700	132
Minnesota	55	65	34	52
Mississippi	180	125	300	240
Missouri	780	370	750	203
Montana	2,550	2,050	2,200	107
Nebraska	1,700	1,600	1,550	97
Nevada	16	19	19	100
New Jersey	34	28	40	143
New Mexico	450	470	450	96
New York	115	110	120	109
North Carolina	700	500	630	126
North Dakota	580	330	340	103
Ohio	1,010	780	930	119
Oklahoma	5,700	5,300	5,400	102
Oregon	760	820	810	99
Pennsylvania	190	165	180	109
South Carolina	165	145	180	124
South Dakota	1,700	1,350	1,650	122
Tennessee	430	260	310	119
Texas	6,400	5,700	5,750	101
Utah	140	135	140	104
Virginia	250	180	280	156
Washington	1,700	1,750	1,750	100
West Virginia	9	7	9	129
Wisconsin	335	240	320	133
Wyoming	155	165	140	85
<b>United States</b>	<b>43,346</b>	<b>37,335</b>	<b>40,990</b>	<b>110</b>

<sup>1/</sup> Total area seeded for all purposes

**HAY STOCKS**  
**DECEMBER 1, 2010**

**U.S.** stocks of all hay stored on farms totaled 102 million tons on December 1, 2010, down 4 percent from a year ago. **Colorado** farm and ranch operators had 2.0 million tons of hay on hand as of December 1, 2010 down 2 percent from the 2.5 million tons on hand one year earlier and 1 percent above two years ago.

**UPCOMING REPORTS**

Colorado and U.S. data from most of the following reports will appear in subsequent issues of AG UPDATE. However, those who have an immediate need for the data may call this office after 1:15 P.M. on the day of release - toll free 1-800-392-3202. The complete USDA report is also available on the Worldwide Web at: <http://www.nass.usda.gov>

- Jan. 27 - Vegetable – Annual
- Jan . 28 - Cattle Inventory
- Jan . 28 - Sheep and Goats Inventory
- Jan. 31 - Agricultural Prices
- Feb. 09 - Crop Production
- Feb. 16 - Crop Values

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